

Annual Town Meeting  
May 3, 2021

Moderator Sean J. Kealy called the meeting to order at 7:41PM in the gymnasium of the Whitman Hanson Regional High School with Stephen Amico, Christopher Amico and Nell Kealy appointed and sworn in as tellers. Barbara Arena was appointed and sworn in as Deputy Moderator with Nora and Maeve Kealy Assistants to the Deputy Moderator.

Town Counsel was Katherine Feodoroff from Blatman, Bobrowski & Mead.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited by the Town Meeting and a moment of silence was observed in memory of John Elms Jr and Judith Collins. The Moderator also asked for a moment of silence to remember all those that were lost this past year because of the horrible pandemic.

A quorum was declared present with 219 voters in attendance. The Moderator, Sean Kealy announced that he would be using Town Meeting Time as the guide for the Town Meeting.

The Moderator asked for a motion to request the Town Meeting allow the Moderator to declare 2/3 and 9/10 majority of a voice vote. Motion was made by Sean Kealy and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Robert Hayes **Voted: Aye, voice.**

The Moderator introduced the Board of Selectmen, Finance Committee, Town Counsel, Town Accountant, Town Administrator, Interim Town Administrator and Executive Assistant to the Board of Selectmen.

State Representative, Michael Brady came midway through the meeting and was recognized and introduced to the Town Meeting.

The meeting was recessed at 7:43PM to open the Special Town Meeting and will reconvene upon the dissolution of the Special Town Meeting.

The meeting reconvened at 7:48PM.

The Moderator, Sean Kealy made a motion, seconded by Kenneth Mitchell to expedite the consideration of routine items, Articles 1, 2, 3, 8, 9, 12, and 13 to be considered for approval in a single vote, without debate. He then would read each article's number and description, and if a member of the Meeting requests a "hold", the item would be discussed. Then the articles will be moved as a group as printed in the informational warrant. **Voted Aye, voice.**

**ARTICLE 1:** To hear reports of the various Town Officers, Committees, Special Committees, and act thereon.

Proposed by the Board of Selectmen

**Explanation:** The Reports voted on are those published in the 2020 Town Report.

Finance Committee recommends.

Motion: Sean Kealy

Second: Kenneth Mitchell

**VOTED Aye, voice to hear reports of the various Town Officers, Committees and Special Committees.**

**ARTICLE 2:** To see if the Town will authorize the Treasurer/Collector to enter into compensating balance agreements during Fiscal Year 2022 as permitted by Mass. General Laws, Chapter 44, Section 53F; or take any other action in relation thereto.

Proposed by the Treasurer/Collector

**Explanation:** This article allows the Treasurer/Collector to maintain accounts using credits instead of money to pay for banking charges.

Finance Committee recommends.

Motion: Sean Kealy

Second: Kenneth Mitchell

**VOTED Aye, voice to authorize the Treasurer/Collector to enter into compensating balance agreements during Fiscal Year 2022 as permitted by Mass. General Laws, Chapter 44, Section 53F.**

**ARTICLE 3:** To see if the Town will vote to fix the Salary and Compensation of all paid Elected Officers and Committees of the Town as follows; or take any other action in relation thereto:

	<b>FY21</b>	<b>FY22</b>
Town Clerk	\$71,297.00	\$73,436.00
Tree Warden	\$3,242 00	\$3,307.00

; or take any other action in relation thereto.

Proposed by the Town Administrator

**Explanation:** This article sets the salary limits for all elected officials.  
Article 4 funds the salaries.

Finance Committee recommends.

Motion: Sean Kealy

Second: Kenneth Mitchell

**VOTED Aye, voice to fix the Salary and Compensation of all paid Elected Officers and Committees as printed in the Annual Town Meeting informational Warrant.**

**ARTICLE 4:** To determine what sums of money the Town will raise and appropriate by taxation, transfer from free cash, transfer from Town Ambulance Funds, Water Department Revenue, Water Surplus, Title V Special Revenue Fund, MWPAT Loan Repayments Receipts Reserved for Appropriation, Conservation Notice of Intent Fund, Overlay Surplus, and Fund Balance Reserved for Reduction of Future Excluded Debt, to defray charges and expenses of the Town, including Debt and Interest, and to provide for a reserve fund for the **2022 Fiscal Year**; or take any other action in relation thereto.

Proposed by the Board of Selectmen

**Explanation:** This article refers to the FY 2022 Annual Budget Lines, These budgets will be funded at this level if the Proposition 2 ½ override fails at the May 2021 Annual Town Election,

Finance Committee recommends.

Motion: Sean Kealy

Second: Kenneth Mitchell

Bruce Young made a motion to amend this Article to reduce the Whitman-Hanson Regional School District line and increase funds to other budget lines, the amendment failed.

Under Article #4 if the \$1.85M Override does NOT pass

**VOTED Aye, voice the following FY 2022 Budget Appropriations**

(The source of funding is raise and appropriate, by taxation, unless otherwise noted)

**FY 2022**

**GENERAL GOVERNMENT:**

122 SELECTMEN/ADMINISTRATION

1. Salaries	\$ 195,900
2. Expenses	38,100
3. Capital Outlay	0

#### 131 FINANCE COMMITTEE

4. Salaries	1,500
5. Expenses	450
6. Reserve Fund	100,000

#### 135 ACCOUNTANT

7. Salaries	120,670
8. Expenses	1,300
9. Audit	32,500

#### 141 ASSESSORS

10. Salaries	184,108
11. Expenses	6,310

#### 145 TREASURER/COLLECTOR

12. Salaries	200,318
13. Expenses	12,550
14. MWPAT Admin Expenses	12,000 Septic Loan Pgm

#### 151 LEGAL SERVICES

15. Expenses	135,000
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#### 155 INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

16. Salaries	90,590
17. Expenses	124,500

#### 161 TOWN CLERK

18. Salaries	136,162
19. Expenses	3,555

#### 162 ELECTIONS

20. Salaries	6,736
21. Expenses	6,300

163 BOARD OF REGISTRARS

22. Salaries	7,616
23. Expenses	1,782

171 CONSERVATION COMMISSION

24. Salaries	65,265
	12,750 Wetlands Prot RRA
25. Expenses	8,805

175 PLANNING BOARD

26. Salaries	93,765
27. Expenses	6,220

176 APPEALS BOARD

28. Salaries	39,747
29. Expenses	750

180 MUNICIPAL COMMITTEES

30. Expenses	0
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190 POSTAGE

31. Expenses	30,000
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192 MUNICIPAL BUILDINGS

32. Salaries	0
33. Expenses	47,157

196 UTILITIES

34. Expenses	<u>134,500</u>
<b>SUBTOTAL GENERAL GOVERNMENT</b>	<b>1,856,906</b>

**PUBLIC SAFETY:**

## 210 POLICE

35. Salaries	1,941,525
36. Expenses	287,280
37. Capital Outlay	50,000

## 215 COMMUNICATIONS

38. Salaries	0
39. Expenses	31,190

## 220 FIRE & AMBULANCE

40. Salaries	1,170,906
	550,000 Ambulance Fund
41. Expenses	140,530
	50,000 Ambulance Fund
42. Capital Outlay	0

## 241 BUILDING INSPECTION

43. Salaries	91,585
44. Expenses	4,400

## 242 GAS INSPECTION

45. Salaries	7,233
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## 243 PLUMBING INSPECTION

46. Salaries	7,233
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## 244 WEIGHTS & MEASURES

47. Salaries	3,667
48. Expenses	650

## 245 WIRING INSPECTION

49. Salaries	22,212
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292 ANIMAL CONTROL

50. Salaries	19,768
51. Expenses	3,000

294 TREE WARDEN

52. Salaries	3,242
53. Expenses	15,000

**SUBTOTAL PUBLIC SAFETY** 4,399,421

**EDUCATION:**

300 WHITMAN-HANSON REGIONAL

54. Operating Assessment	12,646,118
55. Transportation Assessment	117,956
56. Debt Assessment	276,619
	231,300 Free Cash

57. 330 SOUTH SHORE REGIONAL TECH	1,228,007
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58. 340 NORFOLK AGRICULTURAL	99,000
<b>SUBTOTAL, EDUCATION</b>	<u>14,599,000</u>

**PUBLIC WORKS:**

410 ENGINEERING

59. Expenses	0
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420 HIGHWAY

60. Salaries	435,823
61. Expenses	223,840
62. Snow & Ice	300,000
63. Street Sweeping	35,000

424 TOWN-WIDE FUEL

64. Expenses	<u>85,000</u>
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**SUBTOTAL, PUBLIC WORKS****1,079,663****HUMAN SERVICES:****511 BOARD OF HEALTH**

65. Salaries	122,456
66. Expenses	9,525
67. VNA Services	0

**541 COUNCIL ON AGING**

68. Salaries	98,033
69. Expenses	12,100
70. VNA Services	6,800

**543 VETERANS**

71. Salaries	23,085
72. Expenses	4,500
73. Assistance	26,000

**544 CARE OF SOLDIERS GRAVES**

74. Expenses	2,500
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**SUBTOTAL, HUMAN SERVICES****304,999****CULTURE & RECREATION:****610 LIBRARY**

75. Salaries	299,278
76. Expenses	147,332

**650 PARK & FIELDS**

77. Expenses	20,000
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78. 692 PATRIOTIC OBSERVANCE COMM	1,400
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**SUBTOTAL, CULTURE & RECREATION****468,010****FIXED COSTS:****710 DEBT SERVICE**

79. Principal	609,840
	130,000 Septic Loan Pgm
80. Interest	73,258
	7,034 Septic Loan Pgm
	1,697 Bond Premium
81. 911 PLYMOUTH COUNTY RETIREMENT	1,754,475
82. 913 UNEMPLOYMENT COMPENSATION	130,000
83. 914 GROUP INSURANCE	1,891,834
84. 945 RISK MANAGEMENT	285,590
<b>SUBTOTAL, FIXED COSTS</b>	<b>4,883,728</b>

**SUB TOTAL****\$ 27,591,727****WATER:**

85. Salaries	552,219 Water Revenue
86. Expenses	473,975 Water Revenue
87. Debt Service	603,200 Water Revenue
88. Indirect Cost	287,169 Water Revenue
<b>SUBTOTAL, WATER</b>	<b>1,916,563</b>

**TOTAL – ALL BUDGETS - GRAND TOTAL****\$ 29,508,290**

**ARTICLE 5:** To determine whether the Town will raise and appropriate an additional \$1,850,000 from taxation to fund various Town departments in Fiscal Year 2022 as shown below; provided, however, that the amounts raised and appropriated hereunder shall be expressly contingent upon approval by the voters at an election of a so-called Proposition 2 ½ override question in

accordance with the provisions of Chapter 59, Section 21C(g) of the General Laws; or take any other action in relation thereto.

Proposed by the Board of Selectmen

<b>Budget Line #</b>	<b>Budget Function</b>	<b>Budget Department and Type</b>	<b>Difference (\$)</b>
1	General Government	Selectmen/Administration Salaries	\$5,000
6	General Government	Finance Committee Reserve Fund	\$50,000
8	General Government	Accountant Expenses	\$825
11	General Government	Assessors Expenses	\$1,000
12	General Government	Treasurer/Collector Salaries	\$23,675
13	General Government	Treasurer/Collector Expenses	\$2,000
15	General Government	Legal Services Expenses	\$25,000
16	General Government	Information Technology Salaries	\$16,000
19	General Government	Town Clerk Expenses	\$500
25	General Government	Conservation Commission Expenses	\$4,000
26	General Government	Planning Board Salaries	\$13,750
32	General Government	Municipal Buildings Salaries	\$56,707
33	General Government	Municipal Buildings Expenses	\$13,293
	<b>General Government</b>	<b>Totals</b>	<b>\$211,750</b>
35	Public Safety	Police Salaries	\$515,900
36	Public Safety	Police Expenses	\$14,100
37	Public Safety	Police Capital Outlay	\$85,000
39	Public Safety	Communications Expenses	\$5,000
40	Public Safety	Fire & Ambulance Salaries	\$465,000
41	Public Safety	Fire & Ambulance	\$20,000

		Expenses	
44	Public Safety	Building Inspection Expenses	\$3,000
51	Public Safety	Animal Control Expenses	\$2,000
53	Public Safety	Tree Warden Expenses	\$5,000
	<b>Public Safety</b>	<b>Totals</b>	<b>\$1,115,000</b>
<b>Budget Line #</b>	<b>Budget Function</b>	<b>Budget Department and Type</b>	<b>Difference (\$)</b>
54	Education	Whitman-Hanson Regional Operating Assessment	\$300,000
	<b>Education</b>	<b>Totals</b>	<b>\$300,000</b>
59	Public Works	Engineering Expenses	\$5,000
60	Public Works	Highway Salaries	\$102,250
61	Public Works	Highway Expenses	\$30,000
63	Public Works	Highway Street Sweeping	\$10,000
64	Public Works	Town-wide Fuel Expenses	\$10,000
	<b>Public Works</b>	<b>Totals</b>	<b>\$157,250</b>
67	Human Services	Board of Health	\$5,600
68	Human Services	Council on Aging	\$26,800
73	Human Services	Veterans Assistance	\$4,000
	<b>Human Services</b>	<b>Totals</b>	<b>\$36,400</b>
75	Culture & Recreation	Library Salaries	\$23,500
77	Culture & Recreation	Parks & Fields Expenses	\$5,000
78	Culture & Recreation	Patriotic Observance Comm.	\$1,100
		<b>Totals</b>	<b>\$29,600</b>
82	Fixed Costs	Unemployment Compensation	(\$100,000)
83	Fixed Costs	Group Insurance	\$100,000
	<b>Fixed Costs</b>	<b>Totals</b>	<b>\$0</b>

		<b>Grand Totals</b>	<b>\$1,850,000</b>

**Explanation:** This article refers to the FY 2022 Annual Budget Lines that would be increased if an operational override is voted at the May 2021 Annual Town Election.

Motion: Sean Kealy

Second: Kenneth Mitchell

Under Article #5 If the Override DOES pass

**VOTED Aye, voice to raise and appropriate and additional \$1,850,000 from taxation to fund various Town departments and for Regional School Assessments in Fiscal Year 2022 as printed in the Annual Town Meeting Informational Warrant budget spreadsheet entitled “Article 5 – If \$1.85M Override Passes”; provided, however, that the amounts raised and appropriated hereunder shall be expressly contingent upon approval by the voters at an election of a so-called Proposition 2 ½ override question in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 59, Section 21C (g) of the General Laws.**

**ARTICLE 6:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$131,590 from Fiscal Year 2022 Recreation Enterprise Fund revenues to operate the Recreation Department during Fiscal Year 2022, under the provisions of M.G.L. Chapter 44, Section 53F ½ as shown below; or take any other action in relation thereto.

<b>Budget Line Number</b>	<b>Budget Description</b>	<b>FY22 Budget Amount</b>
1	Recreation Salaries	\$44,840
2	Recreation Expenses	\$69,750
3	Recreation Indirect Costs	\$17,000
	<b>FY22 Budget Totals</b>	<b>\$131,590</b>

Proposed by the Recreation Commission

**Explanation:** Recreation program costs will be shown in this Enterprise Fund budget. This budget will not receive a General Fund subsidy in FY22.

Finance Committee recommends.

Motion: Sean Kealy

Second: Kenneth Mitchell

**VOTED Aye, voice to raise and appropriate \$131,590 from Fiscal Year 2022 Recreation Enterprise Fund revenues to operate the Recreation Department during Fiscal Year 2022,**

**under the provisions of M.G.L. Chapter 44, Section 53F ½ as printed in the Annual Town Meeting Informational Warrant.**

**ARTICLE 7:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$200,186 from Fiscal Year 2022 Solid Waste Enterprise Fund revenues, transfer \$60,000 from Solid Waste Enterprise Fund Retained Earnings, and transfer \$118,000 from General Fund Free Cash for a total to be appropriated of \$378,186 to operate the Transfer Station during Fiscal Year 2022, under the provisions of M.G.L. Chapter 44, Section 53F ½ as shown below; or take any other action in relation thereto.

<b>Budget Line No.</b>	<b>Budget Description</b>	<b>Funding Source</b>	<b>FY22 Budget Amount</b>
1	Transfer Station Salaries	FY22 Solid Waste Enterprise Fund Revenues	\$121,212
2	Transfer Station Expenses	FY22 Solid Waste Enterprise Fund Revenues: \$49,700; Solid Waste Enterprise Fund Retained Earnings: \$60,000; General Fund Free Cash \$118,000	\$227,700
3	Transfer Station Indirect Costs	FY22 Solid Waste Enterprise Fund Revenues	\$29,274
		<b>FY22 Budget Totals</b>	<b>\$378,186</b>

Proposed by the Board of Health

**Explanation:** The total cost of operating the Transfer Station for FY22 will be shown in this budget. Salaries, indirect costs, and a portion of expenses will come from program revenues and from other funds.

Finance Committee recommends.

Motion: Sean Kealy

Second: Kenneth Mitchell

Frank Milisi made a motion to amend Item 2 of Article 7 to reduce the Free Cash funding source from \$118,000 to \$18,000, the amendment failed.

**VOTED Aye, voice to raise and appropriate \$200,186 from Fiscal Year 2022 Solid Waste Enterprise Fund revenues, transfer \$60,000 from Solid Waste Enterprise Fund Retained Earnings, and transfer \$118,000 from General Fund Free Cash for a total to be appropriated of \$378,186 to operate the Transfer Station during Fiscal Year 2022, under the provisions of M.G.L. Chapter 44, Section 53F ½ as printed in the Annual Town Meeting Informational Warrant.**

**ARTICLE 8:** To see if the Town will vote to appropriate or reserve from Fiscal Year 2022 Community Preservation Fund estimated annual revenues in the amounts recommended by the Community Preservation Committee for committee administrative expenses, community preservation projects and other expenses in Fiscal Year 2022, with each item to be considered a separate appropriation:

**Appropriations:**

From FY 2022 estimated revenues for Committee Administrative Expenses: \$10,000

**Reserves:**

From FY 2022 estimated revenues for Historic Resource Reserve: \$30,000

From FY 2022 estimated revenues for Community Housing Reserve: \$30,000

From FY 2022 estimated revenues for Open Space Reserve: \$30,000

; or take any other action in relation thereto.

Proposed by the Community Preservation Committee

**Explanation:** This article ensures that Hanson's Community Preservation Accounts are compliant with the Community Preservation Act (CPA) which requires that a certain portion of the CPA funds be set aside for open space projects, community housing projects, historical projects and recreation projects. In addition, it sets aside money for the administrative expenses of the Community Preservation Committee.

Finance Committee recommends.

Motion: Sean Kealy

Second: Kenneth Mitchell

**VOTED Aye, voice to appropriate or reserve from Fiscal Year 2022 Community Preservation Fund estimated annual revenues in the amounts recommended by the Community Preservation Committee for committee administrative expenses, community preservation projects and other expenses in Fiscal Year 2022, with each item to be considered a separate appropriation as printed in the Annual Town Meeting Informational Warrant.**

**ARTICLE 9:** To see if the Town will vote to adopt the Capital Improvement Program as presented by the Capital Improvement Committee; or take any other action in relation thereto.

Proposed by the Capital Improvement Committee  
and Board of Selectmen

**Explanation:** This is the annual article which approves the Capital Improvement matrix for the next fiscal year.

Finance Committee does not recommend.

Motion: Sean Kealy  
Second: Kenneth Mitchell

**VOTED Aye, voice to adopt the Capital Improvement Program as presented by the Capital Improvement Committee as printed in the Annual Town Meeting Informational Warrant.**

**ARTICLE 10:** To see if the Town will vote to transfer from Free Cash the sum of \$40,000 to the following various department Capital Accounts; or take any other action in relation thereto.

Proposed by the Capital Improvement Committee &  
Board of Selectmen

Item	Dept.	Item	Amount Requested	Town Admin/ FinCom Recommendation	Funding Source
1	Board of Health	Health Agent Vehicle	\$40,000	Town Admin – Recommends/ FinCom Recommends 6-0	Free Cash
		<b>Totals</b>	<b>\$40,000</b>		

**Explanation:** 1) The Health Agent is currently using a Fire vehicle. Due to Green Communities grant limitations, the Town is not allowed to hand down older vehicles to other departments. Instead, the Town must purchase new vehicles that will meet certain miles per gallon thresholds.

Finance Committee recommends.

Motion: Laura Fitzgerald-Kemmett  
Second: Robert Hayes

**VOTED Aye, voice to Pass Over Article 10.**

**ARTICLE 11:** To see if the Town will vote to transfer \$25,223 from the previously approved Article 3 Number 2 of the October 3, 2020 Special Town Meeting and transfer \$29,600 from Free

Cash for a total to be appropriated of \$54,823 to the following Capital Accounts for Whitman-Hanson Regional High School-related items; or take any other action in relation thereto.

Proposed by the Capital Improvement Committee  
& Board of Selectmen

Item	Dept.	Item	Amount Requested	Town Admin/ FinCom Recommendation	Funding Source
1	School – High School	High School Phone System	\$25,223	Town Admin – No Recommendation/ FinCom Recommends 6-0	Article 3 Number 2 of the October 3, 2020 Special Town Meeting
2	School – High School	High School Fire Panel	\$29,600	Town Admin – No Recommendation/ FinCom Recommends 6-0	Free Cash
		<b>Totals</b>	<b>\$54,823</b>		

**Explanation:** 1) Additional funding is needed for the High School phone system replacement due to the underfunding of the quote. The current Whitman-Hanson Regional School District telephone system is twenty years old and has reached its end of life. The system is no longer supported and replacement parts are no longer available for repairs or expansion. We are unable to secure a service contract due to the age of the equipment. (Article 4, Item 2 was approved at the October 2020 Special Town Meeting; this article covers supplemental funding). 2) Migrate the existing MXLV Voice Evacuation Fire Control Panel to the new DESIGO XLSV Modular Voice Evacuation Fire Control Panel.

Finance Committee recommends.

Motion: Kenneth Mitchell  
Second: Joseph O’Sullivan

**VOTED Aye, voice to Pass Over Article 11.**



**ARTICLE 12:** To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to accept and enter into a contract for the expenditure of any allocated or to be allocated funds by the Commonwealth and/or County pursuant to Mass. General Laws Ch. 90 for the construction, reconstruction and improvements of Town roads. Said sum of money to be expended under the direction of the Board of Selectmen; or take any other action in relation thereto.

Proposed by the Board of Selectmen

**Explanation:** This article is a requirement of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts for the Town of Hanson to accept state funding, including Chapter 90 funding for accepted roadways. This article authorizes use of funds which will be 100% reimbursed by the Commonwealth of Massachusetts. The budget approved each fiscal year by the legislature and governor establishes the total funding available for Chapter 90 local transportation aid for that year. These funds are then apportioned to the 351 Massachusetts towns and cities.

Finance Committee recommends.

Motion: Sean Kealy

Second: Kenneth Mitchell

**VOTED Aye, voice to authorize the Board of Selectmen to accept and enter into a contract for the expenditure of any allocated or to be allocated funds by the Commonwealth and/or County pursuant to Mass. General Laws Ch. 90 for the construction, reconstruction and improvements of Town roads. Said sum of money to be expended under the direction of the Board of Selectmen.**

**ARTICLE 13:** To see if the Town will vote to set the spending limits of the following revolving accounts in accordance with Hanson General By-law Article 2 – 9 Section 3 as follows; or take any other action in relation thereto.

<i><b>Fund</b></i>	<i><b>Spending Limit</b></i>
Assessors	\$1,500
Parks & Fields	\$10,000
Library	\$7,000
Senior Center Programs	\$2,500
Senior Center Fees	\$95,000
Conservation Comm.	\$7,500
Nathaniel Thomas Mill	\$1,500

Proposed by the Board of Selectmen

**Explanation:** This article sets the spending limits for the revolving the annual revolving accounts.

Finance Committee recommends.

Motion: Sean Kealy

Second: Kenneth Mitchell

**VOTED Aye, voice vote to set the spending limits of the following revolving accounts in accordance with Hanson General By-law Article 2 – 9 Section 3 as printed in the Annual Town Meeting Informational Warrant.**

**ARTICLE 14:** To see if the Town will vote to approve the \$18,960,537 indebtedness authorized by the Regional District School Committee of the South Shore Regional Vocational School District to pay costs of remodeling and making extraordinary repairs to the South Shore Regional Vocational Technical High School, including the payment of all costs incidental and related thereto, as more fully described in the District's 2018 Facilities Master Plan; provided, however, that upon the completion of the improvements described in the District's 2018 Facilities Master Plan, the District shall not borrow or expend any balance of this amount without the prior approval of the District's member towns in accordance with the provisions of G.L. c. 71 §16(d), or take any other action in relation thereto.

**Explanation:** This article will allow the South Shore Regional School Vocational School District ("District") to borrow for various capital projects from the District's Facilities Master Plan. Debt allocation is based on the District regional agreement, which calculates proportional student enrollment from the three fiscal years that precede the year that the debt is authorized. Based on a FY21 authorization, Hanson's debt share would be 13.65%. This authorization has no impact on the FY22 budget. The District intends to phase in projects from FY23-FY28 and the borrowing costs will be part of the District's proposed annual assessment starting in FY23.

Finance Committee does not recommend.

Motion: Sean Kealy

Second: Kenneth Mitchell

Tom Hickey from the South Shore Regional Vo-Tech explained that the School District reduced the amount of the borrowing this year and will be spreading out the borrowing over a number of years.

**VOTED Aye, voice to approve the \$10,516,372 indebtedness authorized by the Regional District School Committee of the South Shore Regional Vocational School District to pay costs of remodeling and making extraordinary repairs to the South Shore Regional Vocational Technical High School, including the payment of all costs incidental and related thereto, as more fully described in the District's 2018 Facilities Master Plan; provided, however, that upon the completion of the improvements described in the District's 2018 Facilities Master Plan, the District shall not borrow or expend any balance of this amount without the prior approval of the District's member towns in accordance with the provisions of G.L. c. 71 §16(d).**

**ARTICLE 15:** To see if the Town will vote to revise its approval of Article 24 of the May 6, 2019 Town of Hanson Annual Town Meeting and submit to the Commonwealth of Massachusetts Legislature a Home Rule Petition to change the use of an 8.5 acre portion land of a larger 62-acre parcel of land, known as the Webster-Billings Conservation Area, so called "Article 97 Land", which portion of land is shown on the schematic prepared by CDM Smith entitled "Proposed Waterworks Facilities and Proposed Areas for Land Use Conversion" on file with the Town Clerk and will be described more particularly described on a plan to be placed on file with the Town Clerk at least seven (7) days prior to the Town Meeting and which Home Rule Petition will remove the restriction set forth in a certain Order of Taking dated February 25, 1975 and recorded at the Plymouth Registry of Deeds in Book 4050, Page 355, limiting the use of the parcel to conservation purposes and allowing the 8.5 acre parcel to be used as conservation land and wellhead area purposes and to remove any other encumbrances on the title as may be required;

And further, as consideration for the change in the conservation restriction authorized above, to see if the Town will vote, pursuant to Section 3 of Chapter 40 of the General Laws, to transfer care, custody, and control of a 25.403 acre parcel identified as Assessors Map 49, Parcel 1-1A from the Board of Selectmen to the Conservation Commission for the purpose of wildlife, recreation, and forestry.

And further, as consideration for the change in the conservation restriction authorized above, to see if the Town will vote, pursuant to Section 3 of Chapter 40 of the General Laws, to transfer care, custody, and control of a 21,780 SF parcel identified as Assessors Map 105, Parcel 6 from the Board of Selectmen to the Conservation Commission for the purpose of wildlife, recreation, and forestry.

; or take any other action in relation thereto.

Proposed by the Board of Selectmen

**Explanation:** This process is required to change the use of any property which is protected pursuant to Article 97. The earlier vote of the Town Meeting in 2019 was not as precise in locating the exact area of the proposed wellhead. The Town has determined that the property would be suited to serve as a water resource. This additional use will not interfere in its existing use as conservation land in any tangible way. Assessors Map 49, Parcel 1-1A is the northernmost parcel of the Town-owned former Plymouth County Hospital property. Assessors Map 105, Parcel 6 is currently owned by the Town of Hanson and contains about one-half acre with frontage on Brook Street. This property is not a buildable lot as it contains Indian Head Brook and areas of wetlands and is a regulatory floodway. It is adjacent to Parcel 7, which is under the care and custody of the Conservation Commission and is a link in the Indian Head Brook Greenway. In addition to replacing the property to be used for wellhead purposes, transferring this property to the control of the Conservation Commission will ensure that the public will have access to the trails, and open space in the area and will also allow for other passive recreational activities as well as allowing the Commission to monitor the site and conduct activities to maintain and support retention of the site in its natural scenic and open condition for wildlife conservation, native habitat protection, protection of scenic views, and other conservation uses.

Finance Committee recommends.

Motion: Sean Kealy

Second: Kenneth Mitchell

Selectmen, Matt Dyer and Wes Blauss both encouraged the voters to vote for this Article. Don Ellis, member of the Final Plymouth County Hospital Committee (FPCHC) stated that there was lack of communication and the FPCHC was not informed of this property potentially going into custody of the Conservation Commission.

**VOTED Aye, voice declared 2/3's by moderator to approve Article 15 as printed in the Annual Town Meeting Informational Warrant.**

**ARTICLE 16:** To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen, on terms and conditions they determine to be most beneficial to the Town, to enter into a Community Choice Aggregation Program as per Mass. General Laws Chapter 164 Section 134 and contract for electric supply for Hanson residents and/or businesses, and to execute and enter into any and all documents necessary to effectuate the same; or take any other action in relation thereto.

Proposed by Board of Selectmen

**Explanation:** The purpose of this article is to allow the Town to buy electricity in bulk. Community Choice Aggregation is a process by which municipalities can combine and switch electricity used by households and small businesses to cleaner energy. The Energy Committee will advise the Board of Selectmen and work in conjunction with an energy broker to purchase the energy the Town needs. Residents and businesses can opt out of the program at any time. The electricity purchased will still be billed through National Grid.

Finance Committee does not recommend.

Motion: Sean Kealy

Second: Kenneth Mitchell

**VOTED Aye 138, Nay 37 to authorize the Board of Selectmen, on terms and conditions they determine to be most beneficial to the Town, to enter into a Community Choice Aggregation Program as per Mass. General Laws Chapter 164 Section 134 and contract for electric supply for Hanson residents and/or businesses, and to execute and enter into any and all documents necessary to effectuate the same.**

**ARTICLE 17:** To see if the Town will vote to amend the Town of Hanson, County of Plymouth, Massachusetts Land Use Regulations Zoning By-law Section VI. G. 6 by deleting the subsection in its entirety and inserting a new subsection VI. G. 6; said proposed changes being on file with the Town Clerk; or take any other action in relation thereto.

Proposed by the Planning Board

**Explanation:** The Federal Emergency Management Agency has updated and adopted new Flood Insurance Rate Maps that will go into effect on July 6, 2021. In order to maintain compliance with the National Flood Insurance Program, the Town of Hanson must adopt these maps into their local bylaws. If these updated maps are not adopted, the Town's residents will not be able to obtain flood insurance and in many cases will be in default with their mortgage lenders.

Finance Committee recommends.

Motion: Sean Kealy

Second: Kenneth Mitchell

**VOTED Aye, voice declared 2/3's by moderator to amend the Town of Hanson, County of Plymouth, Massachusetts Land Use Regulations Zoning By-law Section VI. G. 6 by deleting the subsection in its entirety and inserting a new subsection VI. G. 6 as printed in the separate handout contained in the Annual Town Meeting Informational Warrant.**

**ARTICLE 18:** To see if the Town will vote to amend the Town of Hanson Land Use Regulations Zoning By-Law by making various administrative and typographical changes to said By-Law; said proposed changes being on file with the Town Clerk; or take any other action in relation thereto.

Proposed by the Planning Board

**Explanation:** These errors occurred when the Zoning By-law Book was re-codified in 2014 rendering references to other sections of the book inaccurate. These corrections will be made so that the by-laws will reference the content that was referenced in the original by-laws when they were adopted at Town Meeting.

Finance Committee recommends.

Motion: Sean Kealy

Second: Kenneth Mitchell

**VOTED Aye, voice declared 2/3's by moderator to amend the Town of Hanson Land Use Regulations Zoning By-Law by making various administrative and typographical changes to said By-Law as printed in the separate handout contained in the Annual Town Meeting Informational Warrant.**

**ARTICLE 19:** To see if the Town will vote to amend the Zoning By-law of the Town of Hanson by making the following changes thereto, by deleting the text shown as strikethrough and

inserting the *italicized* and underlined text shown Section VI, Use Regulations, subsection M., Special Requirements for Marijuana Establishments, subsection 3. Definitions as follows:

***Marijuana Courier** - shall mean an entity licensed to deliver Finished Marijuana Products, Marijuana Accessories and Branded Goods directly to Consumers from a Marijuana Retailer, or directly to Registered Qualifying Patients or Caregivers from a Marijuana Treatment Center, but is not authorized to sell Marijuana or Marijuana Products directly to Consumers, Registered Qualifying Patients or Caregivers and is not authorized or to Wholesale, Warehouse, Process, Repackage, or White Label. A Marijuana Courier is an additional marijuana use that allows for limited delivery of marijuana or marijuana products to consumers; and shall not be considered to be a Marijuana Retailer.*

***Marijuana Delivery Licensee** - shall mean an entity that is authorized to deliver Marijuana and Marijuana Products directly to Consumers and as permitted, Marijuana Couriers to Patients and Caregivers.*

***Marijuana Delivery Operator** – shall mean an entity licensed to purchase at Wholesale and Warehouse Finished Marijuana Products acquired from a Marijuana Cultivator, Marijuana Product Manufacturer, Microbusiness or Craft Marijuana Cooperative, and White Label, sell and deliver Finished Marijuana Products, Marijuana Accessories and Marijuana Branded Goods directly to Consumers, but is not authorized to Repackage Marijuana or Marijuana Products or operate a storefront under this license. A Delivery Operator is an additional marijuana use that allows for limited delivery of Marijuana or Marijuana Products to Consumers; and shall not be considered to be a Marijuana Retailer.*

***Marijuana Establishment** – shall mean an entity licensed to obtain, manufacture, process and package marijuana and marijuana products, to deliver marijuana and marijuana products to marijuana establishments and to transfer marijuana and marijuana products to other marijuana establishment, but not to consumers, as defined the Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 94G- and be limited to Marijuana Cultivators, Craft Marijuana Cooperatives, Marijuana Product Manufacturers, Marijuana Microbusinesses, Independent Testing Laboratories, Marijuana Transporters, Marijuana Delivery Licensees (including Marijuana Couriers and Marijuana Delivery Operators) Marijuana Research Facilities, but expressly excluding Social Consumption Establishments and Marijuana Retailers, as each of those terms are defined herein.*

; or take any other action in relation thereto.

Proposed by the Board of Selectmen

**Explanation:** This article will change the Zoning By-laws to allow cannabis delivery establishments to be located in Hanson and to deliver cannabis to consumers not from a fixed location.

Finance Committee recommends.

Motion: Sean Kealy  
Second: Kenneth Mitchell

**VOTED Aye, voice declared 2/3's by moderator to amend the Zoning By-law of the Town of Hanson by deleting the text shown as strikethrough and inserting the *italicized* and underlined text shown in Section VI, Use Regulations, subsection M., Special Requirements for Marijuana Establishments, subsection 3 as printed in the Annual Town Meeting Informational Warrant.**

And to bring in the votes for the following offices: Two Selectmen for three years, an Assessor for three years, a Board of Health member for three years, a Cemetery Commissioner for three years, a member of the Planning Board for five years, a member of the Hanson Housing Authority for four years, two Constables for three years, a Tree Warden for one year, two Trustees of the Public Library for three years, a member of the Whitman-Hanson Regional School District Committee Pre K-12 for three years, two Water Commissioners for three years, and the following two ballot questions at the Annual Town Election to be held on May 15, 2021 at the Hanson Middle School from 10:00AM to 5:00PM.

***Question 1: Shall the Town of Hanson be allowed to assess an additional one million eight hundred fifty thousand dollars (\$1,850,000) in real estate and personal property taxes for the purposes of funding various Town departments and for paying the Town's assessed share of the Fiscal Year 2022 operating budget of the Whitman-Hanson Regional School District for the fiscal year beginning July first, two thousand and twenty-one?***

Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

***Question 2: Shall the Town of Hanson vote to have its elected Tree Warden become an appointed Tree Warden of the Town?***

Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

**Voted Aye, voice to adjourn sine die the meeting Motion: Sean Kealy, Second: Robert Hayes  
at 9:42 PM**

**A true copy of the vote, Attest:**

**Elizabeth Sloan, CMC, CMMC  
Town Clerk**

